



August 2008

Collingswood Presbyterian Church

The Pulse

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Hot Summer Breezes and Cool Fall Winds

It was only July, and the grass was nearly dead. I was about ready to give up on the garden and the lawn. By August, the weather shifted. With a little coaxing, the garden in my yard, and even at the church lawn, started to come around. Ah, life always springs forth, God reminded me. It takes time.



I thought it was a metaphor for the summer that we experienced in the life of our church. Five funerals of dear church members and several more for family of members was exhausting for all of us. Our sustaining members of our congregation held this church together through many tough years. These were people that we came to know and love. Sadly, our time with them is over.

Time is a gift from God, and now at this time in the life of our congregation, new life emerges. Babies, new members, and new programs spring up among us.

As we prepare to launch into another fall season of mission, ministry, and worship, I praise God for every part of our growing church family, both young and old. Each has a special gift to contribute to the body of Christ. Each one is important to the new life in our church. Let us build upon the time that God gives us.

Pastor Kate



Rally Day!

**Rally Day will be held on Sunday,
September 14 after worship service.**

Come to Breakfast at 9:30 - 10:15am

As you enter church, please stop by the registration table to make sure we have all your information correct.

Then, stop by the tables to look at all the programs and mission of our church. There are sign ups for Music programs, CROP walk, fellowship activities, and learning programs for all ages.

Parents: Be sure to pick up our Christian education packet. This packet will include youth group information, teaching information, our child Protection Policy information, and our new Primer booklet. The Primer booklet will be used to encourage the children to memorize various items.

**Don't forget to arrive early that day for
breakfast in the Dining Hall!**

Christian Education News

During the summer, Christian Education has not stopped. We had a fun Vacation Bible School where the children learned about service through Jesus with our God's Big Backyard theme! Also, each week the children were "flown" to another country to learn about God's word and the missions of the PC(USA) in that country. Our children had fun getting new stickers for their passports, learning about the people and culture, and enjoying each others' company. Now, as autumn approaches, it is time to get ready for Rally Day and all that it brings! We will continue our summer theme of service. "Go in Peace, Serve the Lord" will be our 2008-2009 theme.



**YAHOO JUMP FOR JOY!
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH
GROUP ARE BACK!**

Monday morning Bible Study continues with a look at Noah, the adult version. Join Jennifer at 9:30 am Monday morning, October 6th, in the lounge. All are welcome. Bring friends!

Sunday School News! We will start this year off with two new Sunday School classes! Our Children's Educational Ministries has added a class for all 8th - 12th graders. This class will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month (the same day that we will have youth group for this age). There will be two great teachers to keep you excited and to keep you learning about Jesus and how to be faithful as a teenager. The group will be asked to come up with a name for the class - so start thinking now! Parents: Please encourage your teen to come to their new Sunday School class.

This year we will be promoting **ADULT Education** with our new small group Bible Studies. We invite you to sign up for a time that is convenient for you and to join a group to learn more about the word of Jesus. The groups will all start with the same curriculum. Then, as your group gets to know each other better, you can choose what you would like to do next. We hope that you will take this opportunity to join a group so that you can grow in the word of Jesus and so you can ask questions in a faithful atmosphere.



Small Group Bible Study sign ups will begin on Rally Day! You can join a group at any time! Groups will begin in October!



WHOA! Check out our New and Improved library now available online at www.librarything.com/collingswoodpc. More news to come...

Confirmation

Confirmation of our baptism vows will begin on **Wednesday, October 8, at 7:00 pm** with a meeting in the lounge for parents and 8th grade students to review the year-long program. Class schedules and information about the program will be distributed at that time. Rev. Killebrew teaches the class with some other church leaders helping at times. We review the Old and New Testaments, Presbyterian beliefs, and our own beliefs. You will need a Bible, a Mead Composition book, and an open mind! We usually take a trip to New York City and go on several mission trips to nearby Camden or Atlantic City. We meet usually twice a month (on Wednesday evenings), and confirmation worship service is the first Sunday of May.

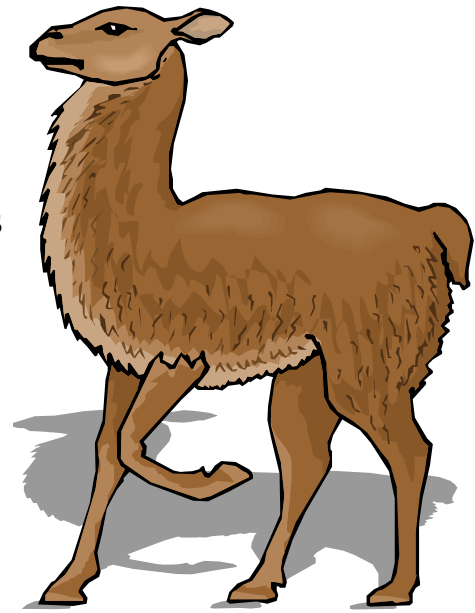


Our Breakfast Club for 5th, 6th, & 7th graders will continue on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month. We will start a new curriculum from the PC(USA) publishers called "We Believe."

Offering: Our Sunday School classes will continue to collect an offering each week. This year, our offering was donated to Heifer International where we have purchased a llama for a family. Read from Heifer Int'l below why this animal is important.

Light Up a Life With a Llama

“When resources are scarce, it's important that livestock don't use up land reserved for people. At home in rough, mountainous areas of Latin America, llamas are a blessing to families with limited pasture land because they can eat the scrub vegetation that other domesticated animals won't eat. Llama droppings help fertilize topsoil — improving crops and reducing erosion. Women weave their llamas' fleece into warm clothing to wear or sell. They load them up with goods for market and trek with them across rugged slopes at high altitudes. As they travel, llamas' padded feet don't damage the fragile terrain and their selective browsing doesn't destroy sparse vegetation. Llamas and their kin, the alpaca, provide Heifer families with invaluable sources of transportation, income and wool, which is prized for making blankets, ponchos, carpet and rope. Llamas are remarkably disease resistant and require little care; they can carry small loads for distances over rugged slopes at high altitudes. “



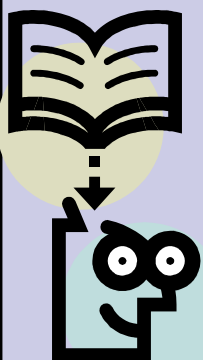
Youth Group Happenings!!

Our **senior youth group will include all 8th - 12th graders**. We will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. We will continue to use the title "We're BaC for Jesus" as our name. BaC stands for Collingswood and Barrington. Yes, the Barrington youth will be joining us here at our church for youth group. Their leader will bring them to our church each time we meet. Please make them feel welcomed! There are great activities and fun events planned. Our first meeting will be on September 14th! Encourage your youth to bring friends and to stay connected to church through our group.

First Friday Faith and Fun will continue for all 5th - 7th graders. This fun group meets only the first Friday of the month beginning with September 5th from 7:00 - 8:30pm. Have your youth and friends come out for Game Night where we will play games, learn about the word of Jesus, and have fellowship time while we enjoy a snack together. Remember, we will meet the first Friday of each month: October 3, November 7, and December 5! Please have your child tell all his/her friends!

WOW! We have a great deal going on here at CPC! Our Christian Education success comes from our faith in God and from your dedication. Thanks!

Stretch your Mind AND Body! **Stretch and Pray** continues! Come to church lounge on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm to stretch your body and soul. Light yoga and pilates. Wear loose clothing and bring a mat (and a friend).



Book Club revives! Read *The Shack* by William P. Young, and come to church on the first Monday of October to discuss it! Church Lounge 7:00pm "If God is all powerful and full of love, why doesn't He do something about the pain and evil in our world? This book answers that age old question with startling creativity and staggering clarity. By far one of the best books I have ever read." James Ryle, Author




Faith and Politics

What does this mean for a Presbyterian?

This is hot political season, and many are wondering if Religion has a place in the political scene. What does separation of Church and State really mean? Should we ask politicians about faith issues? Four years ago, the Christian Right claimed victory in the Presidential election asserting that true Christians vote in certain ways (determined by them) and that one political party possessed Christian values and the other didn't. Some Christians believe that we should withdraw from the evil world and stay out of politics. Others see politicians as untrustworthy and the system as inherently corrupt. What's a faithful person to do?

Presbyterians come from roots of faithful people believing that their place in the world was to be part of changing the world for the better. In 2009, we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, the architect of Presbyterianism. Calvin was a lawyer and a politician. He served on the councils in Geneva and also was a faithful student of the Bible. He wrote the *Institutes of the Christian Religion* as an explanation of the Christians' role in the world and changed the course of Christian activism in the world forever. It has been said that if Martin Luther was the heart of the Reformation, then Calvin was the hands and feet. Clearly, Calvin believed that we have a place in changing the world. But how should we engage our faith in government and politics?



This next year , we will engage in conversations and presentations about our history as activist Presbyterians and how that has changed all of Christendom. We firmly believe that God is neither Red or Blue, left or right, Democratic or Republican. As Abraham Lincoln once said, “ We don’t claim to have God on our side; our prayer is that we are on God’s side.”

Watch for these programs in the coming year:

- Young Adults in Mission – How you can change the world! Learn about Mission in Peru and Mexico Border ministries on Friday Night , September 26. Watch the bulletin for more details.
- Deborah Gordon from the Presbyterian Washington Office talking about our national Presbyterian lobby effort for church initiatives.
- Sermon Series on the Prophets- Speaking Truth to Power during Advent.
- “Here’s Johnny!” Getting to know John Calvin isn’t so painful in this creative presentation !
Spaghetti dinner served by the youth February 2008
- “Pontius Pilate vs. Jesus” During Lent, we will look at how Jesus reacted to the Political Establishment and the government leaders of his time.



SYMPATHIES TO:

The family of Conrad Leise who passed away June 7
Hazel Stecklair and the Lattimore family upon the loss of
brother and father, Samuel Lattimore

The family of Arline Smith who passed away June 24
The family of Elaine Freyberger who passed away July 12

REJOICE!

The wedding of Melanie Convery and John McCoy on
May 17, 2008

The Civil Union of Anne Lepore and Donna Scheurenbrand in
May 31, 2008

The Civil Union of Patti Moler and Michelle Zizzamia,
August 16, 2008

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- ◆ Our Brothers and Sisters in Cardenas Church in Cuba and Njikob Presbyterian Church in Cameroon.
- ◆ Families dealing with cancer, illness and injuries
- ◆ Stephanie Nalls as she returns to Military Service
- ◆ Our new Presbytery Executive , The Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli, formerly the pastor at Burlington Church.

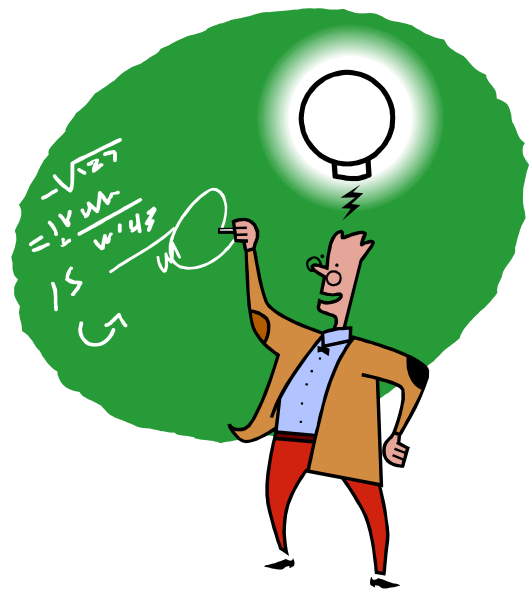
The Last Lecture

Dr. Randy Pausch was a professor at Carnegie Mellon University in Computer Science and recently died of pancreatic cancer at age 47 years. His story would be only one of many who have not survived cancer, except he presented his “Last Lecture” at his university and it was so popular that it has nearly 10 million hits on Youtube. (Type in “last lecture” and you will see it) He has appeared on TV and magazines, lectures and has a book, too.

In the lecture, he talks about lessons he learned and wanted to pass on before he was to die. Most of the lessons come from his incredible creative work in computer science. (He was the one who created the easy-to-use introduction to computer programming - ALICE). He talked about overcoming brick walls and giving people more time if you were having difficulty.

I wondered what would be my last lecture... Would “Boys, clean up your room!” ring in their ears for a lifetime? Gosh, I hope not. I think I would rather the world and my family remember “I loved because God first loved me and that is why I live and love all of you.”

What would be included in your last lecture?





Urban Promise

“ This is one of the best faith-based grassroots organizations I have ever seen and an inspiring example of how the love of Christ can hit the streets. ”

This powerful quote is from a magazine article that talks about a group in Camden called “ Urban Promise. ”

This year, the Deacons are looking to expand the ways our church gives back the community, and we would like the congregation to join us. The challenge is finding an organization that can use our help, is local to our church, and also provides flexibility for our members to take part in whichever manner they feel comfortable. Urban Promise has all this and more.

The Deacons have visited their campus in Camden. It is a fantastic facility in a safe part of the city. They have a very well-run organization with many ways for us to volunteer our talents and energy.

Their programs include a school for ages K-8, after school programs, summer programs, sports leagues, and a young leadership development training.

The group ’ s mission statement is “ *To equip Camden ’ s children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership* ”and we can be a small part of that goal.

Come and help with after school programs, scheduled four times over the next year. Older youth and adults will go to a school in Camden to help with homework and do a craft for the after school program of Urban Promise. Sign up with Jen Giordano and Mike Amato.

MUSIC NOTES



Choir News! After an exciting (and hopefully restful) summer of soloists and instrumentalists, the Chancel Choir of CPC will be resuming rehearsals starting Thurs. evening, Sept. 4th, at 7pm. All are invited (high school and beyond....). Know you can carry a tune? Then have some fun and come on out and join others in the same endeavor! Any questions at all, call Stacy at 547-3781.

Handbell Choirs

Wednesday, September 17: We are Back to Bells!

All bell choirs will resume rehearsals September 17th.

The Intermediate Handbell Choir (last years' beginning choir) will meet from 5:15 to 6:00 pm.

The Advanced Youth Handbell Choir will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

The Memorial Handbell Choir (our adult choir) will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

Interested in playing Handbells? Not in one of the handbell choirs? Contact Marjorie Miller at 856-858-6851.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST FRIENDS!

Liz Shortell

Liz is a nurse and lives with her partner Liz Linette in Collingswood. Liz presently works in Orthopedics at the University of Pennsylvania. However, in September she will begin further training to move into anesthesiology. She gave birth to her first child Quinten in July 2008.

Liz Linette

Liz's partner, Liz Shortell, is the nursing supervisor for the Orthopedic and Neurosurgical wing at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mt. Holly. She is thrilled with her new son, Quinten, who will be baptized in September.

June Lattimore is the niece of Hazel Stecklair and lives in Cherry Hill. June recently lost her father, and CPC was able to support her through that difficult time. June works as a manager for UPS .

Betsy Schadt lives on Belmont Ave. and is the daughter of Ken Schadt who attended our church for many years before his death in 2007. Betsy has worked with computers and loves computer gaming. She also has jumped right into work at CPC by straightening up the pew racks for us every Sunday! That's the spirit!

Art Bermudez- comes to us by letter of transfer from Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church. He and his wife Sammy live in Haddonfield and are expecting their first child in the fall! Art works as a chemical engineer in Vineland and is an avid golfer.

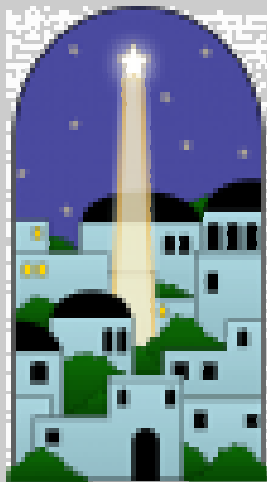
Look for These Upcoming Events At CPC. . .

Lancaster PA Trip

December 13, 2008

Sight and Sound Theater
The Miracle of Christmas

Join us for the spectacular Sight and Sound Theater at the Lancaster Theater on **December 13th at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are going fast, and we will need a commitment from you by September 14th. On Rally Day, please stop by the table to fill out a form and leave your deposit check of \$10.00 per person or call the church office.



The cost is Adult \$51.00, Teen (13-18yrs.) \$28.00, child (3-12yrs.) \$16.00.

We will carpool up to Lancaster.

If you have any questions or suggestions, call Donna Willis at 858-6392 or email at TJ12697@hotmail.com.

ALL FIRED UP Pottery Shop

Sunday, October 5 : 1:00pm

Cost- \$8.00 sitting fee
plus cost of object to be
painted.



Bob for an apple and
receive an additional 10-40% off!!
Sign up sheet will be at church. All
are welcome!!

CHURCH & SOCIETY UPDATE:

PUT YOUR 2 CENTS IN: How often does someone ask you for your 2 cents? Keep collecting for our 2 cents a meal program. The collection feeds hungry people locally and abroad. Bring your cup to church, and add to our growing collection.

BECOME A PEN PAL: We are looking for people interested in becoming “pen pals” with a member of our sister church in Cardenas, Cuba. You can write in English, and the letters will be translated when they arrive. The letters you receive will be in Spanish, but a member of our church will translate. Please seriously consider making your own “Cuban Connection.” For more information, speak with Lorrie Heuser.



2008 Peacemaking Offering

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 5



Break the Bread of New Creation

Plan to come on Friday Night, September 26th for dinner to hear Dionisia Ramos-Huaman. She is a Peruvian artisan in a women's cooperative, and is part of Joining Hands Against Hunger-Peru. Dionisia will be traveling with fellow Peacemaker Jimmy Wells. Jimmy was a Young Adult volunteer in Peru and now serves as a Mission worker with Mexico Border ministries. Both of these

speakers are part of the Presbyterian program for peacemaking. By bringing international visitors to the US, we build bridges across cultural lines.



Across the globe, millions face malnutrition because of skyrocketing food prices. In some countries, hunger and starvation are looming threats. The Reuters News Agency estimates basic food prices have gone up anywhere from 45 to 80 percent. Hunger kills an estimated 10 million people every year, and as food becomes more expensive even those who were once marginally secure in their ability to find food are in danger of slipping into hunger and

malnutrition. The global food marketplace is a complex web of supply, demand, and subsidies. Several factors that determine food prices are driving the increase:

- The rising cost of oil makes food more expensive to transport.
- In many countries, government subsidies change the food Market- place, making staples more expensive.
- Increased production in bio fuels diverts agricultural efforts away from food production.

Many of the world's hungry are not short of food because of a disaster or crop failure but because of chronic, long-term poverty that means they cannot afford the food that is unavailable in their local markets. The crisis means the legions of the world's hungry will grow more quickly.

JOIN CROP WALK ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Starts at 12:30pm from CPC

KID'S PAGE

Ten Commandments Exodus Chapter 20

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Joseph in charge of Egypt

Genesis 41:41- 57



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**Worship returns to 10:30am
on September 7**